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Title: Message Authentication

Using Message Gates in a **Distributed Computing**

Environment

NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection dated April 10, 2007.

No fee should be due for this notice of appeal since the notice of appeal fee was already paid for a previous appeal in this application that did not receive a decision on the merits and from which prosecution was reopened. See MPEP 1207.04.

Respectfully submitted,

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